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DEPARTMENT FOR SCA, VO AND EUR/CE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CGEN, CVIS, CSCE, GE, US (PROTSCH, VERONIKA AND RAINER/  
RINGS, CHARLES C.)

SUBJECT: GDR HAMANITARIAN CASE: VERONKIA AND RAINER PROTSCH/CHARLES  
C. RINGS

REF: BERLIN 5025

1 ON FEBRUARY 3, EMBOFF WAS CONTACTED BY COUNSULAR DEPARTMENT  
MFA (KOLASA), WHO REFERRED TO EMBASSY'S LAST NOTE ON  
PROTSCH/RINGS CASE (SEE PARA. 8, REFTEL) AND ADVISED THAT  
HIS INVESTIGATIONS REVEALED THAT THERE WAS NO WRITTEN REPEAT  
WRITTEN APPLICATIONS CURRENTLY PENDING IN THIS CASE. HE  
OPINED THAT MS. PROTSCH HAD PERHAPS MADE ORAL REQUESTS TO  
MARRY RINGS AND LEAVE THE GDR WITH HERE SON, BUT SAID THAT  
GDR REGULATIONS REQUIRED WRITTEN APPLICATIONS WITH  
ENCLOSURES IN DUE FORM. EMBOFF EXPRESSED ASTONISHMENT AT  
THIS IN LIGHT OF LONG-STANDING HISTORY OF CASE BUT SAID HE  
WOULD INVESTIGATE IMMEDIATELY AND GET BACK TO KOLASA.  
(WE HAVE TELEGRAPHICALLY REQUESTED MS. PROTSCH  
TO CALL AT EMBASSY AT HER EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.)

2. KOLASA THEN SAID THAT, WHEN SUCH APPLICATIONS WERE  
PROPERLY SUBMITTED, A "POSITIVE DECISION" WUOULD BE FORTH-  
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COMING SHORTLY. (NOTE: THIS IS THE FIRST SUCH CASE WHERE

THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN ADVISED IN ADVANCE OF A FINAL DECISION BY A GDR OFFICIAL. THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER CASES WHERE THE EMBASSY WAS NOTIFIED SHORTLY AFTER THE DECISION WAS COMMUNICATED TO THE APPLICANT, WHERE THE APPLICANT WAS TOLD IN ADVANCE BUT NOT THE EMBASSY, OR WHERE THE DECISION WAS SIMPLY ANNOUNCED WITH SIMULTANEOUS DELIEVERY OF EXIT DOCUMENTATION TO THE SUBJECT.)

3. WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED AN APPROVED I-129F AND RECOMMEND THAT RINGS BE REQUESTED TO FILE SUCH DOCUMENTATION EXPEDITIOUSLY WITH TELEGRAPHIC ADVICE OF APPROVAL BEING SENT TO EMBASSY BY INS. EMBASSY WILL DISCUSS EXACT STATUS OF CASE WITH MS. PROTSCH, WHEN SHE CALLS, ADVISE KOLASA OF RESULT, AND REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT. WE WILL BE GUARDED IN THIS DISCUSSION AND NOT REFER SPECIFICALLY TO KOLASA'S PROMISE ON THE CHANCE THAT SOMETHING MAY GO WRONG. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT DISCUSS THE CASE WITH RINGS IN THE SAME RESERVED FASHION, WHILE ADVISING THAT THE EMBASSY HAS PRESSED THE GDR ON THIS CASE AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO UNTIL IT IS FINALLY SETTLED FAVORABLY.

4. CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST-SENATOR JOCOB JAVITS.  
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